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Enclosed are:

1. Specification, including 10 claims (pages 22), in Japanese.
2. 15 Sheets of drawings showing Figs. 1-15.
3. Application Data Sheet
4. Priority is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55 based on Priority Document 2002-291578, filed in Japan on October 3, 2002.

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